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PRESS RELEASE

It is with regret that we have to inform you that due to the NSW Government Gazette No. 48 dated the 16th March and the Prime Minister of Australia's direction that any organised mass gathering over 500 people should be cancelled, the Executive Committee of the Dubbo Show Society has cancelled the 2020 Regional Australia Bank Annual Dubbo Show.

The Agricultural Societies Council of NSW has met on Monday to discuss the implications on shows of the Order under Section 7 of the Public Health Act 2010 to force immediate cancellation of public events with more than 500 people in response to the COVID-19.

NSW Health Minister Brad Hazzard has today urged the community to do the right thing and obey the decisions and advice of the National and NSW Chief Medical Officers.

Mr Tim Capp, President of the ASC of NSW stresses the importance that all shows for the foreseeable future follow the directive. Our recommendation is that all agricultural shows and show related activities in NSW do not proceed. There is no definitive timeline on the spread of COVID-19.

The safety and well-being of our patrons and visitors is paramount and all precautions and in consultation with the Health Authority, the ASC of NSW the Dubbo Show Committee has decided that this is the best course of action.

Christopher Edwards
President,